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Ms. Dorothy Allen Kellog**9** Leader, ACC Plant Operations Team American Chemistry Council 1300 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Ms. Kelloga:

We are pleased to inform you that we have determined that the American Chemistry Council Alternative Security Program Plan (Plan), built on the foundation of the ACC Responsible Care Security Code, meets the applicable regulatory requirements and that you and your members are authorized to implement it immediately in its entirety. It shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of this approval.

As a condition of approval of the ACC Plan, your members who implement the Plan must submit the necessary CG Form 6025 and associated addendum, CG Form 6025A, with the letter signed by the facility owner or operator stating which approved Alternative Security Program the owner or operator intends to use. We must receive these letters no later than 31 December 2003.

Please remember it is the responsibility of the American Chemistry Council to keep this office informed of which members will be using your approved program and to advise this office, as well, should any of your members discontinue their association with your organization or choose to discontinue adherence to this program. Also remember that your members using this program must conduct a yearly audit and advise you of any amendments that may be needed. In turn, you are required to submit a revised Alternative Security Program to this office for review and approval should your review find amendments necessary.

Sincerely,

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MP)

Director, Port Security